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For: **System, Apparatus, and Method for
ATM Header Compression for DSL Links**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In regard to the above-referenced application, the Applicants submit the following preliminary amendment and remarks to be respectively entered and considered prior to examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, insert the following text at page 1, line 5 of the originally filed specification prior to and above the section entitled "FIELD OF THE INVENTION":

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to copending U.S. provisional application entitled, "ATM Header Compression for DSL Links," having serial no. 60/255,781, filed December 15, 2000, which is entirely incorporated herein by reference.

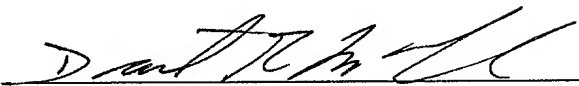
REMARKS

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the specification claims priority to and incorporates by reference the above referenced U.S. provisional patent application. It is believed that the foregoing amendment and addition adds no new matter to the present application.

Favorable action in regard to the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted ,

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